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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring J. Eric Dietz.

Whereas, The position of executive director of Indiana's Department of Homeland Security will be vacated on March 14 when J. Eric Dietz, Ph.D., returns to Purdue University;

Whereas, As the first executive director of the Department of Homeland Security, J. Eric Dietz was charged by Governor Daniels to "increase safety for Hoosiers and use our tax dollars more wisely";

Whereas, J. Eric Dietz was the perfect person to take on and accomplish this daunting task;

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Whereas, J. Eric Dietz brought unique qualifications to this position garnered in part from his 22-year military career, during which he participated in several security projects, including the development of detection programs for weapons of mass destruction, military power sources, chemical demilitarization, and decision-making software;

Whereas, In addition to the skills obtained during his military service, J. Eric Dietz also brought knowledge gained as the associate director of the e-Enterprise Center at Purdue University's Discovery Park and the managing director of the Purdue Homeland Security Institute;

Whereas, J. Eric Dietz was involved in the establishment of a cooperative research and development agreement with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, Indiana University, the Counter-Terrorism and Security Council, and Purdue University to develop technology, tactics, and training for military and first responders;

Whereas, As executive director, J. Eric Dietz was responsible for emergency management and homeland security throughout Indiana, including the development of a single strategic plan for responding to homeland security emergencies, overseeing the application and disbursement of federal homeland security funds, acting as the single emergency operations coordinator during a terrorist or homeland security attack, and serving as the director of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Council chaired by the lieutenant governor;

Whereas, Facing a difficult and challenging job with courage and forthrightness, J. Eric Dietz reorganized the Department of Homeland Security, which includes the divisions of planning and assessment, preparedness and training, emergency response and recovery, fire and building safety, and the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center, in an effort to provide the state with a swifter and more efficient way to help those in need and protect our state in time of attack; and

Whereas, With the increase in terrorist activity throughout the world, the threat of additional terror attacks on United States soil, and the ever present threat of natural disasters, the



state of Indiana owes a debt of gratitude to J. Eric Dietz for developing an efficient and capable system that allows all state agencies to work together in harmony to provide relief to Hoosiers in need: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 acknowledges the accomplishments and contributions of J. Eric Dietz
3 and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to J. Eric Dietz.

